

E Montpelier VT 14 Bridge Project to resume; temporary bridge to open week of April 2

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) will open a temporary bridge for VT 14 traffic to cross the Winooski River in the village of East Montpelier the week of April 2, weather permitting.

Opening the temporary bridge is dependent on temperatures warm enough to allow line striping of the roadway.

Motorists should expect some travel delay as crews paint new lines on US 2 and VT 14. There will be one-lane, alternating traffic at times, with flaggers guiding vehicles through the work area. Motorists are advised to travel with caution for the safety of workers and to avoid increased fines for speeding through a construction zone.

This is the project's third construction season. VTrans is phasing the project over several construction seasons to minimize disruption to residents, business, commuters and tourists. US 2 is a heavily traveled route, especially during peak traffic hours. Reconstructing US 2 at the same time as the bridge would have resulted in acceptable traffic delay.

Despite construction phasing and use of a temporary bridge, it will be necessary to detour traffic around the construction zone for up to 14 days. Construction activity such as moving large pieces of steel will require road closures. These closures are expected to occur at intermittent times during the summer months. Public notice will be given about when road closures will occur; a detour route will be publicized, and signs will be posted.

The project team is eager to get construction underway. More information on the project is available on the project website, www.vt14emontpelier.vtransprojects.vermont.gov. People who would like to receive weekly construction updates should contact the project's Public Outreach Coordinator, Jill Barrett, by telephone 802-272-1248 or by email, jbarrett@fhiplan.com. We'll be touch with you throughout construction. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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